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SUBJECT: KOREAN STRANDED IN SAIGON

1. MOFA ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR O CHAE-HUI INFORMED POLCOUNS MAY 3 THAT ROKG HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ROK EMBASSY OFFICERS STRANDED IN SAIGON THROUGH JAPANESE CHANNELS. ACCORDING TO O, JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE INFORMED MOFA MAY 2 THAT JAPANESE EMBASSY SAIGON HAD BEEN ABLE TO PASS TO ROK EMBASSY OFFICERS ROK MESSAGE THAT ROKG WAS DOING ALL IT COULD TO SAFEGUARD THEM. JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE UNABLE TO SAY TO WHOM, SPECIFICALLY, MESSAGE PASSED, OR AT WHAT LOCATION IN SAIGON.

2. ACCORDING TO O, JAPANESE SAID ONLY UNCODED CABLE TRAFFIC CAN BE PASSED BETWEEN SAIGON AND TOKYO. JAPANESE SAID, HOWEVER, THERE WAS "CLANDESTINE" LINK BETWEEN JAPANESE EMBASSIES SAIGON AND BANGKOK. IT WAS OVER THIS LINK, WHICH JAPANESE SAID THEY WANTED TO USE AS INFREQUENTLY AS POSSIBLE, THAT MESSAGES REGARDING KOREANS BEING PASSED.
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